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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND MANAGEMENT OF NAVAL BASIN AND
SENOKO FUEL FACILITY

REF: SINGAPORE 2336

1. NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONER PEREN WHO RETURNED FROM HOME LEAVE ON JUNE 1 INFORMED DCM THAT MINISTER OF DEFENSE GOH HAD CALLED IN ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL DAWSON ON MAY 31 TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF NEW ZEALAND MANAGEMENT OF NAVAL BASIN BERTHS AND FUEL FARM. ACCORDING PEREN, GOH DID NOT ACTUALLY REQUEST GNZ MANAGEMENT OF THESE FACILITIES, BUT INDICATED U.S. INTEREST IN THIS ARRANGEMENT AND STATED GOS WOULD WELCOME NEW ZEALAND MANAGEMENT.

2. WHEN DCM ASKED PEREN WHETHER IN LIGHT OF DR. GOH'S APPROACH GNZ WOULD NOW BE WILLING TO ASSUME THIS

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RESPONSIBILITY, PEREN HESITATED, ASKED NOT TO BE QUOTED,

BUT VOULUNTEERED THAT GNZ WOULD PROBABLY AGREE. HOWEVER, HE SUGGESTED THAT SO MUCH HAD BEEN SAID ORALLY ABOUT THIS SUBJECT, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF USG WOULD PUT DOWN ON PAPER PRECISELY WHAT WAS WANTED AND WHAT WOULD BE INVOLVED.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE PEREN HAS A POINT. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP ZURHELLEN'S APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR WHITE WITH AIDE-MEMOIRE PROVIDING BOTH GENERAL OUTLINE OF WHAT WE WANT AND INCLUDING ESSENTIAL DETAILS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ANY WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO GNZ BEFORE IT IS ACTUALLY PRESENTED.

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